

"ASPI and Turnover dips to a one-month low"

The broader market commenced the week by echoing the subdued sentiment of the previous week, as investors opted to maintain a wait and see approach amid lingering uncertainties and debt deal which is expected to be announced by the President Ranil Wickramasinghe at tomorrow's parliament. The ASPI experienced sideways movements throughout the trading day further reflecting the market volatility as index halted at 12, 076 recording the lowest for a month, down by 68 points amidst thin trading volumes. Banks and mid-cap companies weighed down on the index, with RCL, CFIN, SAMP, COMB, and RICH emerging as the major negative contributors. On a positive note, Construction sector counters liked AEL, ACL and ALUM were traded actively during the day, reflecting optimistic sentiment towards the Construction sector, bolstered by an increase in the Construction sector PMI for the month May. Meanwhile, with the muted participation of retail investors and HNWIs, turnover stood at LKR 686.0Mn falling to a one month low, reflecting a 60.0% down from the monthly average standing at LKR 1.7Bn whereas Capital Goods sector contributed 51.0% to the overall turnover while Diversified Financials and Food, Beverage and Tobacco sectors jointly contributed 22.0% to the overall turnover. Furthermore, foreign investors turned net buyers, with a net inflow of LKR

